

**Allocation of deep water blocks to ONGC**

† 2216. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Hydrocarbon has requested Government not to give the deep water blocks to ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons given by the Director General of Hydrocarbon for this above said request;

(d) whether the authenticity of these reasons has been verified; and

(e) if so, - the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL). (a) to (e) A total of 55 exploration blocks (24 deep-water, 6 shallow-water and 25 on-land) were offered under sixth round of NELP. A total of 36 foreign companies and 32 National companies including ONGC participated in bidding round. Evaluation of bids is carried out by adopting a transparent and quantitative bid evaluation criteria, which was made public in the Notice Inviting Offers for NELP-VI by the Government. The bid evaluation report in respect of 52 blocks has been received in this Ministry from the Directorate General of Hydrocarbon and the recommendations are presently under examination.

**Smart Card Scheme**

†2217. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the implementation of a Smart Card Scheme in order to supply kerosene and LPG at subsidized rates to genuine beneficiaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Committee has given certain suggestions regarding Integrated Energy Policy;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.